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HOUSE RESOLUTION 157  
By Hagood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ms. Richelle  
Wilkerson upon her receipt of the 2000 Girl  
Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those individuals who through their determination, abilities and endurance have achieved goals far and above the average person; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding young lady is Richelle Wilkerson, who is the recipient of the prestigious 2000 Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Richelle is the recipient of the distinguished 2000 Girl Scout Gold Award in recognition of her community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and her exceptional leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is given to approximately 2,500 Girl Scouts annually or only 1% of all Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for this award, Richelle had to earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration pin, and the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, design

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a self-development plan and spend a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project that would have a positive and lasting impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Richelle spent countless hours planning and implementing her Girl Scout Gold Award project, a computer program to improve the language skills of autistic and developmentally-delayed children at the Lenoir City Elementary School's Developmental Pre-School; her program was based on IntelliKeys, a computer program which provides physical, visual and cognitive access for people with a wide range of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, by working with these special need children on the program, Richelle developed the patience necessary to help the children find success with their activities and developed a rapport that encouraged the children to trust her and help her meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, from March 4-7, 2000, Richelle Wilkerson and the 11 other recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award were honored at a special celebration in Washington D.C. for their numerous achievements in public and community service as our nation's leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize Richelle Wilkerson as one of the most outstanding young citizens of our state, and express our appreciation for her noble efforts on behalf of autistic and developmentally-challenged children in her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Richelle Wilkerson upon her receipt of the 2000 Girl Scout Gold Award, commend her exemplary efforts in public and community service as a Girl Scout and wish her every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

